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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1 through 21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) A method of dyeing a garment made of fabric comprising:
disposing the garment on a carrier;
moving a spray nozzle with respect to the garment so that a substantially even coat of a dye is applied to a first side of the garment; and
steaming and heating the garment after said substantially even coat of said dye is applied to said first side but prior to said dye drying on said first side so that said dye migrates from said first side to a second side and reacts with and affixes to a component of the fabric.

23. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 22, further comprising moving said spray nozzle with respect to the garment to only apply said dye to the garment while minimizing over-spray of said dye.

24. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 22, further comprising washing the garment while disposed on the carrier to remove to any residual, un-affixed dye from the garment after steaming and heating the garment.

25. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 22, wherein steaming and heating the garment ensures substantially uniform distribution of said dye throughout the garment.

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26. (Previously presented) A method of dyeing a garment comprising:
disposing the garment on a carrier;
spraying a dye on a first side of the garment to minimize over-spray of said dye;
and

exposing the garment to a migration and fixation process prior to said dye drying
on said first side but after spraying said dye on said first side to provide a substantially
uniform distribution of said dye throughout the garment.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously presented) A method of dyeing a garment comprising:
disposing the garment on a carrier;
moving a dye applicator and the garment with respect to one another so that a
substantially even coat of a dye is applied to a first side of the garment; and
steaming and heating the garment after applying said substantially even coat of
said dye but before drying said dye so that said dye migrates from said first side to a
second side and reacts with and affixes to a component of the garment.

29. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 28, wherein said dye
applicator comprises a nozzle and robot.

30. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 28, wherein said dye has a
substantially uniform distribution throughout the garment.